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The mission of Immaculate Conception School is to provide experiences to inspire, challenge, and nurture the mind, body, and spirit of our students within the framework of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the tradition of the Catholic Church.

"We are people of joy"

May 8, 2015

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Dear Parent, Guardian, Student, Teacher, Friend,

BAND CONCERT/ART SHOW Crusader Pride ran rampant last night with a terrific Band Concert and Art Show. We are really letting the talent out! Matt Hake and Carol Fetcho fill up the inside of our gym walls and the inside of our souls by bringing out the talent! Thanks for extra efforts in helping us shine. Congratulations to Isabella Garcia, Jack Sainz, and Johnny Adams on receiving the ICS Band Award. The Class of 2015 led the way this year! Thanks to Laura Whelan, Lizanne Young and Penny Prindiville and all who set up and broke down too.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK Cards of thanks, a blast-off breakfast, mass chaperons for the Teacher breakfast, Scrip, snacks and goodies and a luncheon enough to feed the Russian army, a lottery ticket, a ball game voucher or a Munny gift certificate or a Macy's gift certificate and all this adds up to one spoiled group of Teachers and Staff and we love you for it! Debbie Keefe and Lynetta Newton are the creative spoilers and scores of families have jumped in to say thanks. I would bet that this is another area that ICS would be ranked in the top 1% of the nation-appreciation for teachers and staff!



SCHOLASTIC BOWL The Sectional The ICS Scholastic Bowl Team finished a record setting season with an overall record of 46-6 and a conference record of 22-3. The Junior Varsity team ended the season with a record of 31-5. Taking 1st in State Regional competition, ICS defeated Aviston, Bunker Hill, and Mt. Olive to advance to the State Sectional round. At Sectional, the team finished with a record of 1-2. The competition started with a loss to Central A & M Middle School, 140-180. ICS would then defeat Springfield Our Savior 190-185; Springfield Our Savior would go on to advance to State competition. The night came down to two tie breaker questions against Springfield Christ

the King, resulting in a score of 235-255. Toss up leaders for the season were Spencer Biske (106), Jack Sainz (73), Thomas Young (68), Sarah Rose (66), and Kaylum Furlow (57). Team captains for Varsity were Sainz and Adam Stearns; and JV captains were Lucas Herrmann and Jane Whelan. Team members include Johnny Adams, Mason Babcock, Hannah Weiler, Hannah Janson, Trevor Stockard, Ben Traxler, and Mary Wessel. Coaches are Tiffany Taylor and Dan Kassebaum.

PARISH COUNCIL/SCHOOL BOARD DISCERNMENT 2015 Get your name in the box for the drawing tomorrow please. Exciting time and making history again.

Call for Help Jackie Smith visited us as part of the children's component of the Child Protection Policy. This is a Diocesan mandate and a call to vigilance. We all need to be on our toes, just like when using Craigslist. The Columbia Police Department is a safe spot for Craigs list exchanges.

SPRING BOOK FAIR---THE ANSWER TO THE SUMMER "BACK-SLIDE"! We work so hard during the school year on skills and good practices and then take the summer off and lose 30-50% of our gain. Reading greatly reduces this, keeps students focused on the printed word and off the mind scrambling digital hearthstones of the phones and pads and LCDs. Thanks to Teresa and Crystal for saying reading is important. Take advantage and please come and help as much as you can.

URGENT NEED!! PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS, UNCLES, FRIENDS ~ WE NEED YOUR HELP! Our Spring Fair is this coming Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 11th – 13th. We are in desperate need of volunteers. The hours will be determined by the number of volunteers that we receive. If you can give us anything from 1 hour to 4 hours, we would be extremely grateful. Please contact co-chair, Crystal Schaefer at 618-304-0112. You may contact her by phone call or text to let her know what times you are available to help. This is a great way to find some wonderful reads for the children for the summer!! Thank you in advance for your stewardship! Teresa Dorshorst, Co-chair

PARENTS & FRIENDS MEETING will be held at **Tiny's at 602 N Main St at 7pm**. Please come and help us toast to the end of a great year! Mr. Hake will be the featured teacher!

Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer
- II. Secretary Report – Beth Glasscock
- III. Treasurer's Report – Joyce Randle
- IV. Teacher's Report – Mrs. Taylor?
- V. Principal's Report – Mr. Kish
- VI. Old Business
 - Rummage Sale
 - Schoola Clothing Drive
 - Teacher/Staff Appreciation
 - Appointments
- VII. New Business
 - Uniform Resale
 - Last Day of School Party
 - Elections/Appointments
 - Calendar
- VIII. Closing Prayer

HONOR ROLL 3RD QUARTER

First Honors: Anna Adams, John Adams, Dylan Altadonna, Alex Barton, Spencer Biske, Emma Blaskiewicz, Paula Boser, Alexis Brooks, Jack Burke, Kaleb Chism, Noah Chism, Allison Curry, Dominic Dalpoas, Jacob Feldker, Isabella Frasure, Kaylum Furlow, Eli Garcia, Isabella Garcia, Andrew Gibson, Katie Grawitch, Rachel Groppe, Andrew Harmon, Lexi Hennes, Lucas Herrmann, Reagan Herrmann, Hannah Janson, Kalia Jerkatis, Caroline Keefe, Jessica Lambert, Delaney Lundberg, Grant Mathany, Adelynn Murphy, Mary Clare Murphy, Noah Newton, Maggie Parks, Bryce Pautler, Glenn Powers, Marie Prindiville, Nicholas Prindiville, James Ramette, Autumn Ramey, Holly Repp, Sarah Rose, Jack Sainz, Georgia Sasser, Collin Schmidt, Maggie Schulte, Caitlyn Schwartz, Allison Shuler, Rose Sippel, Jordan Smugala, Sophie Spurgeon, Adam Stearns, Hannah Stearns, Trevor Stockard, Ryan Swindle, Zoe Swip, Ben Traxler, Hannah Weiler, Mary Wessel, Jane Whelan, Jacob Whitworth, Thomas Young



Second Honors: Alex Bira, Allyse Broske, Andrew Epplin, Matthew Epplin, Emily Everett, Ryan Gallagher, Emily Gillan, Jacqie Gogolek, Chloe Graff, Robbie Guetterman, Claire Huebner, Ben Lambert, Abby Mathany, Joshua Matthews, Emma Melliere, Eve Melliere, Lucy Settle, Charlie Soetaert, Joe Soetaert, Tyler Stern, Molly Tippen, Reece Ward

Maria Biske's picture was one of the 42 animal illustrations that were chosen to be put on the ZooBooks website. There were over 800 entries! Good job Maria!

Looking for some new friends for a student from Spain this summer! I will be hosting, for the third year, a 19 year old girl from Spain. Elisa is a delightful young woman, who was the individual that created the coloring sheet that we give out each year at the DQ meet in August for our new students. She will be staying with me from June 13th until July 26th. If you have a teenager or young adult who would be interested in helping her to make friends and learn a little more about our area, please get in touch with me. Elisa speaks fluent English and is an absolute delight. She attends mass with me each week and loves Father Carl and our parish! Please give me a call at 314-303-5352 or e-mail at tjdbusinessservices@yahoo.com Thank you, Teresa Dorshorst

UNIFORM RESALE WILL BE HELD THE LAST SATURDAY OF JULY (7/25/15). Resale will be held in the ICS Cafeteria from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Help is needed to set the tables up and sort the donations on Friday afternoon 7/24/15 at 3:00 p.m. Help is needed at the end of the sale on Saturday to sort items to be donated and uniforms to be returned to storage. Please have all donated uniforms (jumpers, shorts, skirts, navy blue pants and white tops) dropped off and put in the lost and found area at school by the end of the school year. Contact Skip Ward [618-975-2340](tel:618-975-2340) with questions or to volunteer. Re-use, Recycle, Re-gift and still make a profit! A winner to the 4th power! Thanks Skip and helpers!

From Daily Bread...Friday, May 8

Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17

This I command you: love one another.

Selfless, unconditional love is countercultural. We're led to believe that we need to look out for ourselves, because if we don't, no one else will. But it is only through love of our brothers and sisters, wherever in the world they may be, that we will lessen need, conflict and violence. We are one global family. People of faith have an obligation to look after the needs of each other, particularly the poor and vulnerable. It's not just a nice idea or a seasonal gesture. God created us to live in loving communion with one another. We must show the same concern for others' welfare that we do for our own. We're called to put love into action by forgiving wrongs, acting in love and charity, and fighting injustice. We are and always must be our brothers' and sisters' keepers. For the grace to love and serve each other, we pray. Patricia Russell

Mom to Shawn..."Stop that. It's a good way to get yourself hurt."
4 year old Joey to Mom... "Mom, there is no good way to hurt yourself!"

From the BND: Caroline Keefe, of Immaculate Conception School in Columbia, is among six

poetry/prose winners in a statewide contest by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Her poem, "[Protecting Our Planet](#)," urges readers to walk or take public transit.

"Our plants and our lungs deserve clean air. Let's put a stop to global warming. It's only fair," she wrote in her winning 20-line rhyming poem for the "Transportation and Air Pollution: What are Green Solutions" contest. Caroline was recognized last month at the Old State Capitol in Springfield by the director of the IEPA Lisa Bonnett. It's the 28th year the agency has had the "Environmental Pathways" education program and contest for fifth and sixth-grade students. A panel made up of environmental, health and educational groups judged the contest.

CURRICULUM OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM On April 29th, the First Graders at Immaculate Conception School took their learning outside the classroom. After learning about the butterfly life cycle at school, they boarded the bus anxious to learn more. The bus took them to The Butterfly House in Faust Park. The students attended a class there to gain more knowledge. They examined specimens of the different stages of the life cycle. "I learned that a butterfly egg is as big as a salt grain." said Broedy Furlow. They observed a live creature and had to determine if it was an insect or not by analyzing its characteristics. Afterwards they learned about different behaviors of butterflies including nectaring, puddling, and resting. They took their new knowledge into the conservatory and found butterflies exhibiting these behaviors. A few students even had a butterfly land on them! "A butterfly landed on my ear! It was awesome!" expressed Jack Thieret. "It was hot in the conservatory. I liked the Blue Morpho Butterfly the best," Ava Blaskiewicz said. Hope Schwartz added, "I got to see a butterfly drinking nectar out of a flower!" It was a great trip full of fun and excitement filled learning. The following week, the students were ready to release the butterflies they had been observing in their classroom at school. They really enjoyed watching first-hand the different stages of the life cycle. It will be an experience they will never forget!



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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

What did you learn at Mass today?

Today at mass, Fr. Carl had 3 children stand as God the Father, God the Son and the Holy Spirit. He then had us all link ourselves, arm in arm and connected to the children representing the Trinity.

Powerful. Seeing that we are all connected to the Trinity and to one another through the Trinity is a very powerful image. There again is our leader, Fr. Carl, giving us a concrete image of our loving leader, God.

These types of images that are put together for the homily for the children are often the homilies that are a home run for me.

A conversation with you children about what they learned about at mass could be powerful. They may bring something home to roost that becomes a powerful tool to help them in their everyday life. Consider starting a homily journal with your children. Homily notes become mandatory the year that your child is confirmed. Why not begin the habit early, or continue the habit past Confirmation? Let your children be your teacher. Because....

The teaching never stops!

Karen Lundy, ICS School Counselor

Chess Camp at ICS - Five days...**June 22nd-26th, 1:00-4:00** at ICS. The Webster University Grandmasters who have

conducted chess camp for the last two years will be with us again this summer! What an excellent opportunity to learn from the THREE time National Chess Champs! Campers will focus on developing strategy and chess tactics. Classes will be leveled. The cost will be \$90 per student. Chess Camp t-shirt and snacks included! Space is limited. Email Mrs. Herrmann at atcyramatt@htc.net to sign up. We are offering this to other area schools this year as well, but offering to ICS students first. Enrollment will be offered to other schools starting **May 1st**. deadline is May 20th. See attached flyer

Mrs Fetcho's Art Camps - Please dress in old clothes, we will be very messy.

Mosaics, Medallions and Me!

Time: 10am – 12pm (project cost included)

Where: ICS/Science & Art Room (look for the signs)

June 8 – June 12 Going into grades 2nd – 7th ...\$95.00per student

This class will focus on the modern term of “selfie” using clay to create a mosaic, acetate (plastic sheets) to create a self-portrait that can be placed in any setting. Your selfie can visit the moon or walk with the dinosaurs, just use your imagination! Then take a trip to the Byzantine era when Constantinople was perfect for trade between East and West. Create a medallion with stones and glass gems that give the appearance of precious stones.

Horses, Bison and Unicorns?

June 15 – June 19 Going into grades 3rd – 8th ...\$95.00per student

Time: 10am – 12pm (project cost included)

Where: ICS/Science & Art Room (look for the signs)

Learn and Create a cave wall painting like the ancient Lascaux Caves of France using colored plaster or paste (fresco) to create images of bison, horses and handprints that look like the real thing. Then travel to modern Europe to create images of colorful horses using oil pastels and splatter painting techniques like Franz Marc and Wassily Kandinsky (Der Blaue Reiter). Make a splatter painting of a unicorn just because it's a UNICORN!

Deconstructed Books June 29 - July 1 Grades 4th - Adult ...\$65.00

Time: 10am - 12pm Where: Science/Art Room (project cost included)

Use an old book to create a new story out of it's pages by sculpting them into a three dimensional pop-up story. Birdhouse, ocean with ships or hidden treasure. Uses techniques of origami and other paper manipulations. email at cfetcho@icsmail.org or text/voicemail at (314)565-7354. Payment due first day of class.

THE SPORTING NEWS... TRACK We are finishing up...please stay on schedule and beat your personal best!

AWARDS NIGHT is May 15 at 7:00 for Grades 5-8. **CHAPERONS NEEDED.** This is not a “date night”---just a chance for some fun socialization. No need to “dress to the nines”, get a limo or flowers etc. Awards Night is a giant “THANKS BE TO GOD” for a great year. Awards Day for Grades 1-4 is May 20 at 2:00. Thanks to Penny Prindiville, Kathy Sainz, Melissa Curry, Tina Grawitch, Mary Tippen, Sue Lewis, Bev Epplin, Dale Anderson and Athletic Director Tara Kennedy.

THE GRIZZLIES Our Jazz Band plays the National Anthem on May 16th and **Isabella Garcia** will have the honor of singing the National Anthem on Wednesday, 7/1/15. Here is the link for game and ticket info: <http://www.gatewaygrizzlies.com/sports/bsb/2014-15/schedule> Fun at the old ball park!

THANKS! Give STL Day \$2,090 RAISED from 17 donors. Thank you!

So the new Avengers movie is coming out???

FEELING GOD IN VULNERABILITY Fr. Ron Rolheiser, O.M.I.

Sometimes we understand things through their absence. The experience of loneliness teaches us about love. Sometimes too the more painful the absence, the more we're opened to what we're missing. The more fierce and raging the loneliness, the bigger the cavern for love it creates inside of us.

That's true too for our understanding of God and what it means to draw life from God. If loneliness is what we feel when love is absent, what do we feel when God and grace are seemingly absent? And if loneliness stretches our hearts for deeper love, what does a feeling of God's absence create inside of us?

We feel the seeming absence of God whenever we feel these things: anxiety for no apparent reason, feelings of guilt we can't explain, a helplessness we can't do anything about, fear of death, a nagging sense that something isn't right, a feeling that somehow we aren't good enough, a restless drive to make a name for ourselves, a greedy need to drink in as much life as we can, and the inchoate feeling that nothing's enough, that we aren't enough, that life isn't enough, that we're standing on the edge of nothingness.

At one level, these feelings can all be explained away as nothing more than neuroses, hang-ups, signs of immaturity, lack of robust health, lack of resiliency, over-sensitivity, as signs that we're weak, over-timid, out-of-sorts.

That can be true, but sensitivity also indicates life, humanity, depth, feeling, faith. What's alive is sentient, tender to feeling. It's what's inanimate and dead that's never crippled by feelings. Brute things don't suffer anxiety, rocks don't worry about betrayal, and self-centered egoists aren't concerned about sin. To be anxious, uneasy, haunted by the unseen, and worried that somehow we aren't good enough, can also be a sign of being in touch with something deeper, namely, of being sentient and attuned to the fact that we're creatures and not God and we must, therefore, be graced and justified by God in order to receive life and salvation.

What does that mean?

Catholics and Protestants have used different languages to explain this, though, in the end, we've both had the same concept.

Those of us who were raised Roman Catholics, grew up with the notion of "grace". For us, the key to living was to be always "in the state of grace". The big worry was to die "outside of grace". Negatively, we understood grace as the opposite of sin. Positively, we defined it as being alive inside the Body of Christ.

Protestants mostly used a different language (even as they wrote the timeless hymn, Amazing Grace). They spoke of "justification", a concept they took from St. Paul. For them, life ultimately had meaning or not and one entered heaven or not on the basis of being justified by God.

But what does that mean?

This isn't an easy concept to grasp or explain. The biblical language is clear, but concept, like most deep things, is not something we easily get our minds around.

"Justification" (which can also be translated as "Righteousness") is, first of all, something inside of God. What? We can only dance around its meaning. It refers to a substantiality, a wholeness, a goodness, a perfection, and an immortality that we can't imagine but can partially intuit through our experience of its absence. What are we missing that God has?

Classical theology defined God as "Ipsum Esse Subsistens", self-sufficient being. Only God does not need anything outside of Self in order to come into existence and remain in existence. Everything else, including every human person and humanity itself, needs someone or something outside of itself to be born and to stay in existence. Alone, all by ourselves, we lack a substance, a meaning, and a goodness that we're powerless to give ourselves. Alone we do stand on the brink of nothingness – and, when we're sensitive and attuned to things, we know it!

And what we lack is what's inside of God – substance, life, meaning, beauty, goodness, community, love. Only God can give these to us. Classically, for Roman Catholics, God gives them to us through grace; for Protestants, God gives them through justification. Either way, there's no life, no meaning, and no future outside of this gift.

And though we can deny this to ourselves, our experience belies that. We feel our vulnerability, our mortality, our powerlessness in every breath we take. We can't give ourselves life and we can't even protect ourselves in the life we're living. Nobody is invulnerable.

No matter our achievements, no matter how strong our self-image, no matter how blessed we are in body, mind, and possessions, in the end, we're all insubstantial – and we feel it! We aren't Ipsum Esse Subsistens. We can't give ourselves life, meaning, love, immortality; and, when we feel this, we're opened, soul, mind, body, to the gift of life and salvation that can only come from God. God can give to us what we can't give to ourselves.

COMMUNITY NEWS...

GIBAULT Plant Sale Saturday, May 9th, 7-noon** Gibault Greenhouse (behind gym)
501 Columbia Ave Waterloo, IL 62298

Introduction to Agriculture students and Gibault Catholic FFA members. A wide assortment of hybrid and rare heirloom vegetable plants including but not limited to; tomatoes, sweet peppers, hot peppers, herbs, watermelon, cantaloupe, cucumbers, and squash.

CAMP INVENTION - LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE! REGISTER NOW!

Visit www.campinvention.org to reserve your spot and learn more! Camp Invention will be coming to SPPCS in Waterloo this Summer from June 15-19th. Camp times are from 9-3:30. This camp is open to all students - not just SPPCS! **Filling up quickly this year, please don't delay in**

registering. Save \$15 off the registration fee with the promo code **SPRING through May 15th.**

Join the Gibault Hawks this summer to polish your skills in the activities you love! We have summer camps in Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Bowling, Drama, Boys & Girls Soccer, Girls & Boys Volleyball and for incoming freshman we also have Band Camp and Video Game History 101. More information is available on our website www.gibaultonline.com. We hope to see you on campus this summer!

KIDS ON CAMPUS SWIC sponsors a great camp every summer called Kids on Campus. It is for the area's brightest students. We have had several ICS students attend over the years and it jump-starts their understanding of using their gifts. Everything from the "Incredible Edible Garden for K-1 to 3 levels of Robotics for upper grades. Get a flyer from Mrs. Epplin or www.swic.edu/children-programs/ Students must be certified to have scored at the 90th % on their Iowa Test or be one and one-half years above grade level in current school work. Mrs. Debbie Keefe will give you a great testimonial!

SUMMER TUTORING

ICS graduate and current Gibault student, **Jay Hollman**, is offering tutoring over the summer. He will complete his sophomore year this spring. He can tutor in science, English, math, history, and Spanish. Can tutor at any location and rates are flexible. Email: jayhollman2@gmail.com for info

Carol Waide 281-4186; 618-910-1648 c. cjwaide@htc.net will offer summer tutoring / enrichment at ICS for a 6 week session. My plan would be to work for an hour once or twice a week. The session will run from the week of June 22 through the week of July 27 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Contact me if you have questions or are interested in signing up.

COLUMBIA PUBLIC LIBRARY READ TO THE RHYTHM

Begins MAY 18TH - Ends JULY 25TH OUR READING PROGRAM IS FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY
If you like to win prizes and see some great performers then our summer reading program is for you. *Programs will be in Metter Park Registration begins Mon., May 18th as program type/weather allow.*

*Tuesday, June 9th 11:00 – Kick off party with the Bubble Bus and face painting.

*Monday, June 15th Rockets to the rescue. Create, explore and launch rockets.

Ages 8 to 12. Registration required. 1st Session - 10:30 – 12:00 2nd Session – 1:00-2:30

*Tuesday, June 16th 10:30 Animal Avengers. Vist with kangaroos, snakes, falcons and more.

*Wednesday, June 17th Tales to Tails 10:30 – Noon. Schedule a visit to read to a therapy dog.

Registration Required.

*Tuesday, June 23rd 10:30– Swords & Roses sword swinging stunt show.

*Tuesday, June 30th 11:00 – Monroe County Rhythm Band. Learn interesting facts about instruments and the music they make.

*Tuesday, July 7th 11:00 – Abe Lincoln. Up close and personal. An engaging program for the entire family. Ages 8 and up.

*Thursday July 9th 11:00 – Melissa Pope shares her book "Storm Buddies." Story time for Ages 3-9

*Monday, July 13th - Junk drawer robotics. Create robots with scraps. 1st Session - 10:30 – 12:00
2nd Session – 1:00-2:30 Ages 9-12 Registration required.

*Wednesday, July 15th 10:30 – Tail Waggin Dog Tricks. Visit with Bella the lab as she shows us some fun things she can do.

*Thursday, July 16th 10:00 Yoga Story Hour with Namaste Mary ages 6 to 10. Registration Required.

*Tuesday, July 21st 11:00 Glow in the dark magic show with Troy.

July 25th – Last day to turn in reading logs.

Crazy 8 math program. Ages 8 to 10. Meets every Thursday June 4th – 25th 9-12:30

Lunch will be provided. (registration is required)

Baby Fun Stories and More – Sessions meet 9:30 – 10:30 on June 1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th and July 6th & 20th Session is for little ones birth to 3 yrs. of age. Registration is required.

Lego Story time – Sessions meet 10:30 Wednesday - June 24th, July 1st, July 8th

Check library calendar for details on all program. Visit www.columbialibrary.org

Glenn and Blake Powers Dad Rob...interviewed by Bill McClellan St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Veran Medical Technologies is involved in the medical navigation business. More specifically, Veran helps doctors navigate through the tiny airways in the lungs. I learned about Veran after writing a column about a lung cancer support group. The five-year survival rate is 15.9 percent.

Rob Powers, the global VP of marketing for Veran, saw the column and sent me a note. He said Veran's technology helps physicians detect lung cancer early, and could therefore change the dismal survival rate mentioned in the column. "One of our major financial supporters is St. Louis-based Prolog Ventures along with other local venture capital firms. We are St. Louis through and through!"

Cutting-edge stuff here in St. Louis. He invited me to visit. I stopped by this week.

Let me oversimplify the technology. A doctor takes a CT scan of somebody who has a risk for lung cancer. The patient could have a history as a smoker or a history of exposure to high levels of radon gas. The doctor sees something on the scan. The old-school way to get at the questionable tissue is to inject a needle into the lung. A more high-tech method is to insert a microscope down through the patient's windpipe into the lungs, and then pluck a small piece of the questionable tissue.

Veran has systems to do both. The coolest system — to a lay person — is the high-tech one. The doctor watches the patient's lungs on a computer screen as he navigates a probe through the airways. Veran had its origins in Nashville, Tenn. An MBA student at Vanderbilt University began the company as a school project. Furthermore, the company just completed a clinical study at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. The results should be published soon. "They were better than we even hoped for," said Powers. I found myself thinking about a column I wrote last year about Leo Bressler. He had a degree in chemical engineering. He joined the Navy in World War II and became a communications officer on a ship ferrying men and equipment from England to France. After the war, he joined a small company that made Saccharin in a storefront operation in the 4600 block of Easton Avenue, now Martin Luther King Drive. The front office consisted of a desk and chair. The three chemists worked in the back. Bressler's equipment consisted of a gas burner, a 60-gallon wine crock and a wooden stirring paddle. The name of the company was Sigma Chemical. It became Sigma-Aldrich.

PARISH AND DIOCESE

PLEASE SUBSCRIBE: Like all newspapers, our Diocesan bi-weekly newspaper, The

Messenger, is facing decreased revenues that comes from declining subscriptions. Thus far, only 281 households out of 1404 have subscribed to The Messenger. If every parish in the Diocese would have a 20% subscription rate, The Messenger could survive. That means that we need to have another 111 subscribers from our parish. I subscribe to The Messenger, and always look forward to reading the stimulating columns by Fr. Ron Rolhausen, OMI and Fr. Robert Barron. And I always enjoy reading about what other parishes are doing throughout our Diocese, and also enjoy keeping up with what Pope Francis is doing and saying. Next weekend, May 16/17, members of our Parish Pastoral Council will have a table in the gathering space where you can begin a subscription for only \$25 a year. We need a Diocesan newspaper, and our Diocesan newspaper needs us. It's less than the cost of dinner for two at one of our fine restaurants here in Columbia!

FAMILY SOCIAL NIGHT

Friday, May 8th from 6:00 to 10:00 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS FREE, FUN, FAMILY EVENT. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall-Lower Level of the Immaculate Conception Church on Palmer Road. Kids can make pizzas from scratch in the warming kitchen. Food will be provided for adults as well. Soda and ice cream will also be available. This event is designed to bring families together to enjoy, socialize and strengthen our community and family. If you have questions, please call Craig Lundy at 618-960-1014 or Nick Matrisotto at 618-281-0427.

Our Immaculate Conception Altar Society in Columbia would like to invite all the students, faculty, parents, and guests to join us for a public Rosary on May 9th. The event will be held at noon on Saturday May 9th outside City Hall in Columbia, Illinois, and will last less than one hour.

Danny Massey is doing well after receiving a new kidney. Please remember his generous Aunt in your prayers as she suffers through the transition.

Update on Zac: We traveled to Houston to visit MD Anderson. It was a very positive experience and gave Zac some new HOPE. There is some chemo we can try, as they have alot more options down there and there are also some really positive trials coming up for Ewing Sarcoma that we hope to get

Zac into. Timing is everything and its all in the works, so we are happy with that.

Chester Kopec has a broken hip. Chester led the men's Choir here for over 25 years. He also helped start the ICS Athletic Committee in the 1970's when we were getting started. Please keep him in your prayers. His children and grandchildren are ICS grads.

Marian Keim is on hospice. She served as our parish book keeper for over 30 years. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.

Alaina Ettl(3) saw angels in the clouds last Saturday on the way home...Do you see them?



PRAYERS: Bill Pennock, Zac Epplin, Patty Juengling, Marian Keim, Dan Whelan, Edward Pelker, Pat Weber, Ed Hengel, Josh Ritter, Valerie Bauchens, Vince Webb, George Stein, Desiree Frasure, Special Intention

Love One Another The gospel reading for the 6th Sunday of Easter proclaims God's love for us and our love for others. We know that God created us because he loves each of us. God gives us gifts and talents, everything we have: a body and soul, an intelligent mind, understanding, ability to solve problems, a compassionate heart and much more. Jesus said: "Love one another as I have loved you."

Jesus wants us to share our gifts with others: friends, neighbors, even enemies. Our prayers, our support and our forgiveness of others reflect our love for others. Jesus showed us his love by offering his life for us on the cross to save each of us.

Growing spiritually is a life-long journey that never ends until we enter heaven. Each day of our life we want to ask ourselves: "How can I love my neighbor today?" White House Retreats

Mike Kish
Principal

PS **THE END IS NEAR** The last day of school will be May 21 with early release at 11:25.

Kindergarten graduation will be that morning at 9:30 and the Class of 2015 will graduate that evening at 7:00 in our new Church.

BC WRAP-UP MEETING on Wednesday, May 13 at 12:50 please!

REGISTRATION We need to plan. Thanks for getting your paper work in!

Band Schedule Week of May 11-15

Monday

8:05-8:35 6th-8th Clarinet 2
8:35-9:05 5th Flute
9:05-9:35 6th-8th Flute and Clarinet 1
10:35-11:05 4th Flutes
11:05-11:35 4th Clarinet

Tuesday

7:15-7:55 **Jazz Band**
8:55-9:25 6th-8th Trumpet
9:25-9:55 5th Clarinet
9:55-10:35 6th-8th Saxophone and F Horn
11:05-11:35 4th Saxophone
11:35-12:05 4th Trumpet

Wednesday

8:05-9:05 **Concert Band Full Band**
9:05-9:35 Percussion Ensemble
10:35-11:35 **Beginning Band Full Band**
1:45-2:45 **Intermediate Band Full Band**

Thursday

7:15-7:55 **Jazz Band**
8:55-9:25 6th-8th Percussion
9:25-9:55 5th Saxophone
9:55-10:35 6th-8th Low Brass
11:05-11:35 4th Low Brass
11:35-12:05 4th Percussion

Friday

8:05-8:35 5th Low Brass
8:35-9:05 5th Percussion
9:05-9:35 5th Trumpet
10:35-11:05 Jazz Band Sectionals
11:05-11:35 Smart Music Lab

Saturday

Jazz Band Grizzlies Game: Meet at Ballpark 6:00pm

	6 th Grade Exam	7 th Grade Exam	8 th Grade Exam
Monday, May 11		Pre-Alg 7	Pre-Alg 8
Tuesday, May 12		Pre-Alg 7	Pre-Alg 8
Wednesday, May 13	Course 1 Math		Alg 2
Thursday, May 14	Course 1 Math		Alg 2
Friday, May 15			Geography 8 Science 8
Monday, May 18	English 6	English 7	History 8 English 8
Tuesday, May 19	Science 6	Course 2 Math Geography 7	
Wednesday, May 20	History 6 Course 2 Math	History 7 Science 7	

Rainy day forecasted for tomorrow. Good time to clean the Church!

Parish Work Day Projects May 9, 2015

Church (Please consider bringing a ladder)

Move old light poles away from property line

Drill holes in flower pots located outside garden level

Spread mulch on plants in front

Trim along roadway

Landscape areas by retaining walls if plants have been delivered

Breakdown cardboard in equipment room and take to recycling bin at school

Adjust door on men rest room on lower level so that they can remain open

Repair chair leg in library & gathering spaces (glue pieces back onto legs)

Clean front door glass, gathering space glass, office door glass, exterior glass doors

Dust gathering space furniture including the furniture near elevator

Dust cabinets and counter tops in vesting room

Dust altar area including furniture and doors

Remove wax from candle holders at altar

Dust furniture and ledges in reservation room

Dust Fr. Carl's office, reception area, conference room and ledges in hallway

Dust cabinets in warming kitchen and clean counter tops

Dust library Dust ledges inside and out Dust stairs

Coffee and donuts to be furnished by A.C.T.S.